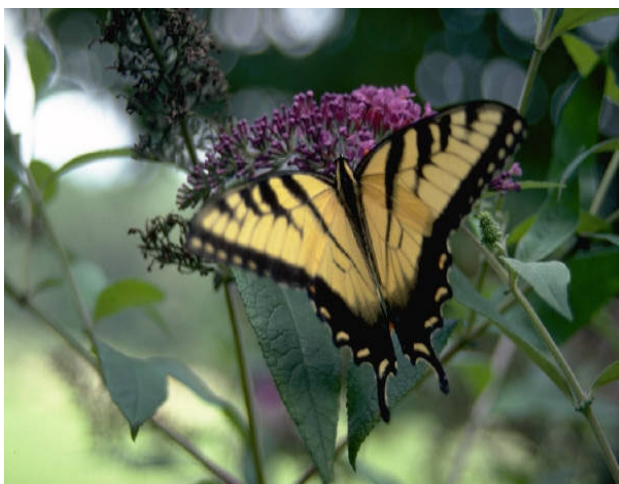


“Faith

*Celebrating 25 Years
of God's Blessings!*

for the

Future”



**2008-2009
Annual Fund
Membership**

*An extension of the
Lutheran Education Association
—established in 1947*

*“Renewing our
commitment for the
future of our teenagers”*



Martin

Luther High School

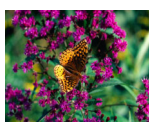
defines the meaning of faith
for the next generation.

Faith (fāth) *noun*

1. Confident belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person, an idea, or a thing.
2. Belief that does not rest on logical proof or material evidence.
3. Loyalty to a person or thing; allegiance: *keeping faith with one's supporters.*
4. *Theology.* The theological virtue defined as secure belief in God and a trusting acceptance of God's will.

Pledge (plej) *noun*

1. The condition of being given or held as security for a contract.
2. A thing given or held as a guarantee of faith.



The butterfly is a symbol of faith in eternal life. A tiny caterpillar spins its cocoon, dries up, and emerges as a beautiful creation of God that soars to the heavens.

**"Know therefore that
the Lord your God is God;
He is the faithful God,
keeping his covenant of love
to a thousand generations
of those who love him
and keep his commands."
Duet. 7:9**



Martin Luther High School—*your Lutheran High School*—relies on God's power and guidance to teach and operate. It is a special ministry to a very special age group.

Life has changed considerably since the dream of a Lutheran High School in southern Minnesota was born in 1947. Today teenagers face stresses, temptations and terrors that were unheard of 20+ years ago. The family unit, morals, values and religious beliefs are increasingly corroded by society.

Hundreds of faithful Lutherans have built Martin Luther from a fledgling high school to a respected educational institution. Classes began in 1983 in a rented storefront with 19 students in two grades.

Since then 340 MLHS graduates have stepped out of these doors into their future.

Faith-filled education
insures the future of
mankind

Martin Luther High School has been richly blessed for 25 years. Students have a variety of quality college-preparatory classes at their fingertips. Faculty & staff are a dedicated group of talented Christians. College level classes are offered via Advanced Placement courses and internet connections. World-wide information is available through the latest computer technology resources.

Lutheran education is a ministry and a school wrapped into one. It is a complex task to follow God's Word *while* providing an education that meets the world's competition.

How is MLHS funded? Competitive salaries attract good teachers. Good curriculum and equipment attracts students. This all requires steady funding. Tuition provides 55% of the general operating budget. The balance is generated by monthly congregational budgetary support, fundraising events, grants, memorials and donations.

Sustaining a strong parochial facility comes solely by the grace of God. Focusing on *His* ministry is our number one goal. Raising the income to support His ministry is a unique part of the operation of *your* Lutheran high school. Your regular gifts play a very important role in the growth and stability of MLHS.

Faithful Christians
insure the future of
Martin Luther High School

Martin Luther High School depends on a constant, steady, faithful flow of income. Tuition income drops in the summer. Bills and salaries still need to be paid. In 1998 the Board of Directors established the "Faith for the Future" Annual Fund Membership. Its purpose was to establish a membership opportunity for faithful friends (an extension of the LEA) to regularly support MLHS "over-and-above" their normal giving on a regular basis.

Like a business, MLHS needs to pay its bills in a timely manner. Since "Faith for the Future" was initiated, over \$50,000 has flowed into the general operating budget. This money has stabilized the operation of *your* Lutheran High School.

How can you be a part of this faithful membership? After prayerful consideration, please complete the enclosed form & return it to MLHS.

Simply select the giving level that fits you. **Regular gifts of \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more provide the faithful flow that strengthens Lutheran education.** Your gifts furnish the means for MLHS to grow and improve. Your membership keeps Lutheran education strong to stand the test of time. As a member, you will receive an annual receipt for your tax-deductible gifts and your name will be listed among the "Faith for the Future" Annual Fund Members.

You can also invest in the future of MLHS by including *your* Lutheran High School in your estate plans.

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Your 2008-09 Membership
invests in
"Faith for the future"



**Please keep this copy for
your records as reminder!**

Please pray for the MLHS:

- students that God will bless and guide them and give them a joyful heart
- Board of Directors that God will bless their service and help them to follow His will
- association churches that God will bless their ministry
- elementary feeder schools that God will strengthen their ministry
- parents that God will bless and encourage them
- teachers that God will give them wisdom, patience, joy, faithfulness & understanding
- community that our ministry will be appreciated
- future that enrollment and finances will be strong

**As “Faith for the Future” Annual
Fund Members we have
pledged to give**
\$ _____ on _____
periodic giving date(s)
for a total of \$ _____
beginning _____
today's date
•Be sure to designate all gifts “FFF”

Yes! I am committed to Lutheran Education and want to become a "Faith for the Future" Member!

My pledge is completed below. I promise to diligently pray for MLHS. You can count on my regular "over-and-above" gift as a:

Faithful Friend

_____ for (\$10/month: \$120/year)

Faithful Partner

_____ for (\$25/month: \$300/year)

Faithful Benefactor

_____ for (\$50/month: \$600/year)

Faithful Philanthropist

_____ for (\$100+/month: \$1200+/year)

_____ **Faithful Saint (MLHS is in my estate plans; please contact me to set up a plan)**

Please complete this form & enclose your first donation to begin your membership giving level as _____ monthly _____ quarterly _____ semi-annual _____ annual or _____ estate

***Be sure to designate all gifts**

"Faith for the Future" pledge .

Name (as I would like to be listed in the membership)

Mailing address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Home Church

Send me:

Thrivent's Simply Giving

Electronic Fund Transfer Enrollment Form

Thrivent's Giving Plus

Member Gift Matching form.

***Thrivent's Simply Giving EFT and Giving Plus Gift Matching forms are available for download at the MLHS & Thrivent websites.**